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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--**Figures 8A-8F** show cellular activation patterns in response to central urocortin II microinjection. **Figures 8A-8C and 8E:** Brightfield